

# Arguments for Nuclear Ban



Once again, Carlton Church International Movement to Abolish Nuclear Reactors and Nuclear Weapons,

a non-profit organization working for the cause to ban the use of anything nuclear in every nation

across the globe is continuously seeking reasons to convince everyone that nuclear reactors and nuclear

weapons are not in any way profitable to any sector of our system. We implore the government, private

owners, businessmen, public institutions, fellow non-profit organizations and ordinary citizens and

individuals to take a look on the following complaints and arguments and review as well as delve deep

to the truth it brings:

## 1. The humanitarian case

The abolition of nuclear weapons is an urgent humanitarian necessity. Any use of nuclear weapon would

have catastrophic consequences. No effective humanitarian response would be possible, and the effects

of radiation on human beings would cause suffering and death many years after the initial explosion.

Eliminating nuclear weapons – via a comprehensive treaty – is the only guarantee against their use.

## 2. The security case

Nuclear weapons pose a direct and constant threat to people everywhere. Far from keeping the peace,

they breed fear and mistrust among nations. These ultimate instruments of terror and mass destruction

have no legitimate military or strategic utility, and are useless in addressing any of today's real

security threats, such as terrorism, climate change, extreme poverty, overpopulation and disease.

While more than 40,000 nuclear weapons have been dismantled since the end of the cold war, the

justifications for maintaining them remain largely unchanged. Nations still cling to the misguided

idea of "nuclear deterrence", when it is clear that nuclear weapons only cause national and global

insecurity. There have been dozens of documented instances of the near-use of nuclear weapons as a

result of miscalculation or accidents.

### 3. The environmental case

Nuclear weapons are the only devices ever created that have the capacity to destroy all complex life

forms on Earth. It would take less than 0.1% of the explosive yield of the current global nuclear

arsenal to bring about devastating agricultural collapse and widespread famine. The smoke and dust

from fewer than 100 Hiroshima-sized nuclear explosions would cause an abrupt drop in global

temperatures and rainfall without warning. Take for example Tokyo, Japan, a land of wealth and

civilization which is also known to have some nuclear sites hidden beneath its ground. Despite the

industrialization of the country, simple earthquakes can already destroy thousands of lives and

cost billions of dollars.

### 4. The economic case

Despite renewed commitments by nations to achieve a nuclear-weapon-free world, all of the nuclear

powers continue to invest exorbitant sums of money in their nuclear forces. Funding allocated to

national disarmament efforts is minuscule by comparison, and the principal UN body responsible for

advancing nuclear abolition has an annual budget of just over \$10 million. It is time to redirect

money towards meeting human needs.